

CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY
WHITE HOUSE SUPPORT STAFF

CIA/DCI

WHITEHOUSE 740128

Date: January 18, 1974

Item No: WH. #3

DIRECTOR WHITE HOUSE SITUATION ROOM

SUBJECT: MIDDLE EAST--THE MILITARY SITUATION

25X1

The relative quiet of the previous week, during which the incidents generally were limited to brief bursts of machine gun fire, was broken by artillery exchanges over the weekend.

The Syrians and Israelis exchanged artillery fire Saturday and Sunday as the Syrians opened fire on Israeli construction units. The Israelis apparently were attempting to improve their defenses along the cease-fire line. The Syrians have, in the past, made a practice of firing on similar Israeli efforts. Casualties apparently were light on both sides. The Israelis characterized Saturday's action as minor.

25X1 Although both sides continued the disengagement, the Egyptians and Israelis did become involved in an artillery exchange on Sunday. The action continued for at least two hours.

25X1